

"IT IS BETTER TO GIVE....."

By VONDA CARLTON
Seven years ago a local woman said a prayer and made a vow.
The prayer was answered and because of that vow, nearly 1000 persons will have a merrier Christmas this year.
When Mrs. Ralph Smith of 25011 Frampton Ave., Harbor City, caught her hand in the washing machine wringer, she made this vow:
"I promised God if He'd let me use my hand I would do something each day for someone else for the rest of my life."
Mrs. Smith today is holding open house and neighbors and friends are taking a look at what she has spent 365 days doing.
A sewing room is completely filled with the items she has

made by hand for hospitalized patients.
Those neighbors and friends are seeing:
500 suffies.
66 wheel chair robes.
102 plastic head pillows.
52 foot warmers.
60 wheel chair back pads.
30 string and rag dolls for babies.
81 beautifully dressed dolls.
4 quilts to be sent to Indians in Arizona.
42 outing flannel jackets for babies.
51 children's dresses and shirts.
6 Christmas trees for shut-ins.
In addition, Mrs. Smith has collected nearly a ton and a half of used clothing to be sent to the Indians.
Her only help in making

these items has come from her husband, who is in the Merchant Marines. Mr. Smith helps do some of the heavy cutting, packing and sorting.
This year's treasure chest of presents is nothing new... because the localite has been doing this for seven years.
Each year, the little sewing room is a little fuller... gifts are piled almost to the ceiling.
Come next week, the Smiths will make the rounds of the hospitals... Rancho Los Amigos... Sister Kenny Polio Hospital... delivering their packages.
"We leave them at the door... hospital employes or volunteers wrap them and give the presents out on Christmas Day," Mrs. Smith said.
"We never see any of the

people get their gifts... the smile or the thank yous belong to the people who look after the patients all year."
Volunteer workers from Sawtelle Veterans Hospital pick up their heavier gifts such as the head pillows and wheel chair robes.
Mrs. Smith's kindness does not go unnoticed by her friends and others. They give her all their scraps of clothing... remnants... blankets... old wedding dresses... in fact, all most of the material she uses is donated by friends.
One man even gives her the stuffing from old car seats... this goes into the wheel chair backs.
Her own money goes to buy thread, ric rac, tiny flowers and beads for the dolls.
Last year, friends gave her 69 dolls for which she made dresses. And lovely dolls they are. Each has a billowy dress of tulle and ruffles. Rhinestone or sequin necklaces or flowers set off each doll... something to warm the hearts of all little girls at Christmas-time.
Part of Mrs. Smith's collection of gifts goes to Arizona Indians.
"The Indians are sadly neglected... I feel so sorry for them," she declared.

This year marks the first time in seven years her husband has been home from sea for the holidays... This time, he can see the fruit of a year's labor of love.
Already the two are busily making plans for next Christmas... some 300 foot pads for suffies are stacked in the room waiting until Dec. 26 when a new batch of gifts is started.
Some would think that seven years of keeping a promise would be enough... but not Mrs. Smith.
"We don't have any children and this is our way of making Christmas for other people."
With this in mind, Mrs. Smith renews her promise to God each year... and hundreds of persons have a brighter smile on Christmas Day because of her.



SANTA'S WORKSHOP...
At the right is the gift-filled workshop of Mrs. Mary Smith who works the year round on Christmas gifts for the needy. In the lower pictures, Mrs. Smith displays one of the many dolls she makes and in the other picture she is shown with her husband, Ralph, who assists her with these projects.

Christmas Music Sparks Club's Reciprocity Day

Reciprocity and Federation Day were observed by the Torrance Woman's Club at its meeting Wednesday at the clubhouse. A large number of Marina district officers and presidents were honored guests on the occasion and a delightful program of Christmas music was furnished by "The Junior Pipers," choral group from the Torrance Junior Woman's Club. Guests were greeted by Mrs. J. P. Montague, Mrs. J. A. Eisenbrandt, Mrs. Delbert Thomsen and Mrs. Grover Van Deventer.

A catered luncheon was served and a business session was conducted by Mrs. John Thuss, first vice president, who presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. R. E. Moffitt who has been called east due to the illness of her father.

District officers present were Mrs. E. T. Goerz, president of Marina district; Mrs. G. W. Putnam, first vice president; Mrs. J. N. Gorham, federation extension chairman; Mrs. V. McCarthy, recording secretary; Mrs. R. B. Jones, corresponding secretary; Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, financial secretary; Mrs. G. W. Chown, treasurer; Mrs. L. A. McCoy, ways and means chairman, and Mrs. R. W. Graff, auditor.

Their hostesses for the day were Meses. John Schwartz, president of the Junior Woman's Club; Meses. M. A. Wright, William C. Crooker, F. G. Fittin, D. J. Quinlivan, S. J. Dunhouse, W. O. Clausing and John C. Warnock Jr.
Visiting club presidents were Mrs. August F. Wendorf, Hermosa Beach; Mrs. Karl Bishop, Mar Vista; Mrs. J. E. Barnes, Venice; Mrs. H. A. DeWitt, Pacific Palisades; Mrs. G. R. Parker, Hermosa Beach; Mrs. Glenn Hovey, California Post Presidents Club; Mrs. C. G. Clifton, Lawndale; Mrs. Clara Hook, Culver City; Mrs. C. F. Roberts, Playa Del Rey; and Mrs. Nelson Spargo, El Segundo.
Serving as hostesses for the club presidents were Meses. Don Wolf, J. N. Dabbs, R. Sandstrom, B. T. Whitney, C. T.

Rippy, M. A. Bauman, E. L. Snodgrass, Kenneth Figgins, A. L. Pyeatt and A. S. Moore.
Mrs. Allen Hofferber is director of the Junior Pipers. Mrs. R. T. Brundin serves as pianist, Mrs. Frank Kelley Jr., narrator, and Mrs. Douglas Holander, guitarist.
The program for the afternoon included "White Christmas," "Come All Ye Faithful," "Melody of Christmas," "Lullaby Lullaby," "Winter Wonderland," and "Deck the Halls."
Members of the chorus are Meses. Richard Healy, Don Carlson, Lee Allen, James Van Dyck, Earle Petterson, C. L. Briner, Charles Blahnik, Sid Gans, Allen Hofferber, Milton Youngken, Kenneth Wyatt, Douglas Holander and Joseph Boylan.



Juniors Will Stage Yule Party for Their Children Next Wednesday Evening

Always anticipated with a great deal of excitement is the annual Christmas party given by the Torrance Junior Woman's Club for the children of members. The affair this year will be held at the clubhouse next Wednesday evening. Fathers, too, will be special guests. Mrs. John A. Hall is serving as chairman of the Yule party.

The Christmas tree will be decorated with Christmas card cut outs. Large cut outs of choir boys and trains will decorate the clubhouse walls and miniature Christmas trees will adorn the tables.
Committee members working on this project will be Meses. James Shellabarger, John Mallery, Elgin Logsdon, Frank Neff, Tom Halasey Jr., George Stevens, Dale Cote, and Don Carlson.
Gifts will be distributed by Santa Claus assisted by Tommy Waddell and Reed Clawson. Other guests will be prospective members and their children. The Jack Shafton Puppet Show from Hollywood will be the entertainment.
The joy of giving will also be

practiced at this family party when each club member will bring a gift and a tree decoration for one of the wards at the Harbor General Hospital which the club has adopted for this Christmastide. Mrs. Barton A. Tatum, philanthropy chairman, will accept these gifts.
The local juniors are also participating in a Marina district philanthropy in aiding the Navajo Indians. Gifts for these American Indian children will be brought to the party and presented to Mrs. Edwin Hatter, Americanism chairman.
It has also been announced that the Junior Woman's Club members have filled 101 boxes of cookies and candy for the Marina district's "Operation GI."

After the distribution of gifts, refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake, cones will be served to the youngsters.
The club's annual Christmas tea for members and past Junior Club members will be held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15, from 2 until 4, at the H. C. Barrington home on Post Ave.

DUAL BIRTHDAY FETE FOR ROBINSON GIRLS

The two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Robinson, Deborah, 11 and Denise, 8, will be guests of honor at a combined birthday party given by their mother on Saturday, Dec. 14. Attending the outdoor weiner roast will be schoolmates from the Evelyn Carr school, neighbors and several out-of-town guests. The Robinson home at 16703 Ermanita annually has been the setting for this holiday season event looked forward to by the friends of Deborah and Denise.

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AND SANTA WILL BE THERE... These youngsters are children of members of the Junior Woman's Club who are eagerly awaiting the club's annual Christmas party Wednesday evening at the clubhouse. They are Jill Mallery, Jim Logsdon and Brad Evans. Santa will be on hand to distribute gifts from a brilliantly decorated tree. A puppet show will follow and there will also be refreshments.

Gala Party For Coleen

The ninth birthday of Coleen McLane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted McLane, 237 Via Linda Vista, was celebrated with a party at her home last Monday afternoon.
The center of attraction was the doll birthday cake made by Mrs. McLane. The girls spent the afternoon playing

records and games. The birthday cake was served with ice cream.
The guest list included Coleen's classmates from the Parkway School. They were Helene New, Carol Minech, Patty McClung, Katie McClung, Linda Ellis, and Kathy Stapleton.

DINNER GUESTS

Among the dinner celebrants recently noted at the Plush Horse Restaurant in Hollywood Riviera were Mr. and Mrs. Troy S. Garrison of Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gledhill of Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Caughlin of Rolling Hills, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Flaherty and Dr. and Mrs. Elton C. Spiers of San Pedro.



IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON... Torrance Woman's Club held its Reciprocity and Federation Day last Wednesday with a large number of Marina district officers and presidents as special guests. Here are (from left) Mrs. E. T. Goerz, Marina district president; Mrs. John Thuss, vice-president of the Torrance Woman's Club, presiding officer for the day, and Mrs. G. W. Putnam, Marina first vice-president. Club members and guests were delighted with the Christmas musicale presented by the "Junior Pipers."

TWINS BIRTHDAYS ARE CELEBRATED

Their sixth birthdays were celebrated in a "grown up" manner by Barbara and Beverly Boylan yesterday when their mother, Mrs. Joseph Boylan of Grand Summit Rd. invited three of their little friends to join them at lunch at the Plush Horse.
A special menu was prepared for the youngsters and a birthday cake was brought in at the dessert course.
With Mrs. Boylan and her two daughters were Marianne Mennes, Lesley Zamperino and Debby Renaud.

ENTERTAIN

Thanksgiving dinner guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Bauman were Dr. Bauman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Bauman of Leucadia, and his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bauman, of Santa Ana.

Sabada Club Yule Dance

Preparations are now being made for the Sabada Dance Club's annual Christmas dance. The affair will be held Dec. 14 at the Palms Restaurant with dancing to start at 9 a.m.
Gene Ware's orchestra will provide music and members will exchange gifts. A Christmas tree and other Yule decorations will be used.
Prospective members have been invited to the annual dance. Committee members in charge include Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Graybehl, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Treize and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moffitt.

HOME FOR HOLIDAY

Bill Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Rogers, 1755 Iris Ave., returned to San Diego this week after spending the Thanksgiving holiday here.
The youth is a first year man at Brown Military Academy.

AT COCKTAILS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jahn entertained at a cocktail party last evening at their home, 440 Via Linda Vista prior to the Las Vecinas Christmas Dance.
Brilliant Christmas balls and greenery decorated the rumpus room, setting for the party. Guests sipped their "holiday cheer" through three foot straws from huge bowls.
Enjoying the affair were: Messrs. and Meses. David B. Stewart, Warren Post, Norman Fischer, Stanley Perry, Richard Anderson, T. R. Menashe, John Walti and Robert Underwood.

IN SAN LUIS OBISPO

Mr. and Mrs. Minot Rugg, 1506 214th St. spent Thanksgiving and the week end in San Luis Obispo with Mrs. Rugg's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bodley. Mrs. Bodley accompanied the Ruggs home and stayed until last Thursday.

IT'S CHRISTMAS AT THE EWALTS

Today is Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt, 905 Patronella. Santa Claus will be there and the gift laden tree will be lighted.

The occasion is to honor the Ewalts' two god-children, Laura Lee and Kerry Sue McFarland, who leave with their parents, the Gordon McFarlands next Thursday to spend Christmas with their grandparents in Florida.
At the dinner table, which will be decorated with a Christmas arrangement and Christmas candles, will be the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McFarland, the two honorees, Laura Lee and Kerry Sue, Ewalt's mother and sister, Mrs. Julia Wamhoff and Miss Carmen Wamhoff of Los Angeles.